

that her original affidavit, which was one of the most potent of the documents that incriminated Frank, was absolutely false, and that it had been made at the instigation of the prosecution, after she had been piled with liquor.

Albert McNight, a negro whose testimony seemed to break down Frank's alibi, and told heavily against him, now declares upon oath that he lied, in order to obtain part of the reward promised him by the prosecution.

George W. Epps, Jr., a newsboy whose story on the witness stand also told heavily against Frank, admits his story was untrue, and swears it was part of a frame-up which detectives drew him into.

Dr. H. F. Harris, who was called by the prosecution as an expert, asserts that the girl's hair found on a lathe on the second floor of the factory, was not that of the murdered girl. Frank's office was on the second floor and the presence of the hair, it was asserted, was strong evidence against him.

The story of Frank's lawyers is that the murder of Mary Phagan came as the culmination of 15 homicides in nine months in Atlanta.

The police had obtained no convictions in these cases, and were charged on all sides with incompetency. They arrested Frank and concocted the whole case against him, his attorneys charge, just in order to regain credit for efficiency.

"In your honor's presence, and in the presence of the Supreme Judge of us both," Frank dramatically proclaimed to the court when sentence was passed, "I assert that I am innocent of Mary Phagan's death!"

"The law says that when one human being has lost his life through the violence of another, the perpetrator of the deed must answer with his own. But the law does NOT say that when one human being is killed a Blood Sacrifice shall be made of the next convenient individual! I am the

victim of that kind of blood sacrifice. I am not afraid to die. I am not pleading for life. I ask only for a fair trial and a square deal!"

—O—O— WILL PROBE HENRY SIEGEL'S CONNECTION IN CHICAGO

Henry Siegel's connection with the local Siegel-Cooper store will be the subject of an investigation by the New York grand jury, which right now is intensely interested in Siegel's financial activities. Siegel is said to have claimed to receive \$1,200 a month salary from the local store.

New York, March 12.—A sweeping investigation of the affairs of Henry Siegel & Company was under way here today with the possibility of it being extended to include the Boston Siegel store and the Chicago establishment.

Ass't Dis't Att'y Train, in charge of the case, declared that the three indictments returned against Siegel and Frank E. Vogel yesterday was merely preliminary action. He intimated that fifty indictments might be found against each of the men before the investigation is completed. Siegel and Vogel are now at liberty on \$25,000 bail and will appear before Judge Rosalsky next Wednesday, at which time their pleas of not guilty may be amended if they desire.

If found guilty on all counts of the indictments charging the grand larceny of \$25,000 and accepting deposits in an insolvent bank returned yesterday they may have to serve at least 15 years in the penitentiary and pay fines of \$3,000. The investigations so far has only been in relation to the New York stores and private bank of Siegel.

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Weather bureau might send out snow-storm warnings to Eastern and Middle Western railroads, so extra food could be carried on trains likely to be stalled for from 36 to 48 hours.